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## PAUL'S NOTE

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- \* Looking for things to do this weekend? A list of some Beyond Tucson events are on page 3

As this newsletter goes out, it will be January 8, the anniversary of the day six great Southern Arizonans were killed and thirteen more were wounded. One of the people that died was my friend Gabe Zimmerman.

Beyond Tucson is sponsoring several events this weekend, partially inspired by Gabe's love for the outdoors, the aim of which is to get all of us outside with our neighbors. A complete list of events is on their website at <http://www.beyond-tucson.org/events/>. Get out there and see what nature has to offer in our area, but

more importantly, meet new people and find new friends.

On January 2, our community lost a great businesswoman. Gloria Ackerley founded Ackerley Advertising with Gene, her husband of 72 years, in 1968. I have had the chance to work with her son, Ed, on a number of occasions and I'd like to publicly extend my condolences to him, the Ackerley family, and all of their employees.

Since August of 2013, we've had a special group of young people who have used the

meeting rooms at the Ward 2 office. Their official name is FTC Team 6947, but they go by the name Radioactive Robots.

They are part of FIRST Tech Challenge, which you can think of as a league for students that participate in robot challenges. The Radioactive Robots have participated in a number of competitions, and they are now poised to go to a regional tournament. The story of some students from Phoenix that won a similar competition ten years ago is the basis for an upcoming George Lopez movie called Spare Parts.

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The group is coached by David Berry, a math teacher at Canyon Rose Academy. He is aided by Michael Hoogendoorn, a former team member and student at Pima College and helps out. Although Berry is a teacher at Canyon Rose, the team is one of only a handful out of the 75 in the state that is not affiliated with a school.

The team has done remarkably well, placing in the top three in most of the competitions they have entered. They have also gotten two other honors: the Connect Award for teams that work with the community and the runner up for the Inspire Award.

Their performance means that two upcoming state competitions next month are almost a formality. From there they will go to the regional tournament in Oakland. After that comes a national, then and international competition.

The team, and all teams in the FTC, compete by a principal they call gracious professionalism, sometimes they use the word "coopertition." If one team is missing a part or tool, another team will do what it can to help out. It's not always what we teach on the athletic side of competition, but something they can carry on into later life. It's even something I've learned that they can carry into politics.

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## TREE RECYCLING

For many the holiday cleanup is underway. Recycle your Christmas tree and greenery at the Fairfax Companies' recycling facilities.

Residents who drop off a tree and greenery at the Ina Road Land Reclamation & Compost Facility or the Speedway Recycling & Landfill Facility (7301 E Speedway, near the Ward 2 office) through January 31st will receive a free bag of Tank's Organic Compost. Remember to remove all décor such as lights, tinsel, ornaments, etc. The trees will be ground, chipped, and made into Tank's Organic Compost.

All cardboard and commingled products (plastics #1-7, aluminum and steel cans) can also be recycled at both locations. The locations will also accept electronics and light strands separately (no TVs). The Fairfax Companies' owner, Jason Tankersley, encourages citizens to "start a new family tradition by taking simple steps that lessen our environmental footprint during the holiday season and throughout the New Year."

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## BEYOND TUCSON EVENTS

All of these events are on January 10 and all are free:

### **Together We Move**

Armory Park and Tucson Children's Museum, 220 S 6th Ave

10 am—3 pm

The Children's Museum – Tucson and Armory Park Senior Center have teamed up with a wide range of community health and fitness groups to host an event that promises to be the largest number of body moving options available in a single location!

Whatever type of body movement inspires you, you are sure to find it here! There are fun activities planned for every age group, body type and fitness level.

<http://www.beyond-tucson.org/event/beyond-main-event-together-move/>

### **Exploring the Urban Wild**

Mercado San Augustin, 100 S Avenida del Convento

9 am—noon

Ironwood Tree Experience invites youth and adults to enjoy the great outdoors on a fun and revealing nature and historical exploration near the birthplace of Tucson! Explore the mighty Santa Cruz River as we search for wildlife and artifacts as we make our way across the flood plain toward Mission Garden and Sentinel Peak. Our 3-hour adventure will loop around as we start and conclude on the west side of Mercado San Augustin. Plan to walk a couple miles!

What to bring: sensible shoes, hat, water bottle, binoculars and a few dollars for tamales and empanadas at Mercado San Augustin!

<http://www.beyond-tucson.org/event/exploring-urban-wild-beyond-downtown/>

### **4-H Healthy Ambassadors Training**

Tucson Village Farm, 4210 N Campbell Blvd

9 am—noon

Teens – Want to learn fun, hands-on nutrition lessons, simple and healthy food preparation, and gain valuable leadership skills?

Join us for 4-H Healthy Living Ambassador Training from 9:00 am -12:00 pm at Tucson Village Farm. Open to teens ages 12 – 18 years who are willing to commit to completing 6 hours of training over 2 Saturdays – on January 10th & 17th.

Certified Teen Ambassadors then find opportunities to put their training and leadership skills to use by spreading these healthy living messages in schools.

<http://www.beyond-tucson.org/event/4-h-healthy-living-ambassadors-training/>

**For more events throughout Pima County, please visit <http://www.beyond-tucson.org/events/>**

## CAROL WEST SENIOR CENTER

**Healthy Bones, Healthy Life:** Seniors will have an opportunity to attend a free presentation by Nancy Peterson. The Healthy Bones, Healthy Life presentation will be held on Thursday, January 8 at 1:00 p.m.. Refreshments will be served as well.

**San Xavier Field Trip:** A field trip is scheduled to the San Xavier del Bac Mission on Thursday, January 22. The cost is \$2.00 per person. Departure from the center is 9:15 a.m. and return is 2:30 p.m.

**Bingo Bash:** The Carol West Senior Addition is hosting a Bingo Bash event on Thursday, January 29 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. The cost is \$2.00 per person. The event will include great prizes, refreshments, snacks and lots of fun. The event is sponsored by HANDMAKER.

Contact the Carol West Senior Additional at 791-4121 for questions on the events mentioned above.

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## PARKS PROGRAMS

**Spring 2015 Leisure Classes:** The Spring classes run January 4, 2015 through May 9, 2015. The deadline to register was Tuesday, December 23rd. Watch for the Summer 2015 Program Guide and Class Catalog to be available on Monday, April 20, 2015; It will be available for free pick-up at all Parks and Recreation facilities and it can be viewed on-line at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) Contact the Registration Office at 791-4877 for additional information.

**Senior Olympic Festival:** The 31st Annual Senior Olympic Festival will be held Monday, January 12 through Sunday, February 1, 2015. The festival is a celebration to promote fitness, health and an active lifestyle among adults 50+. The program features nearly 100 events and activities at more than 20 venues throughout the City of Tucson. Registration is on-line or by phone through December 31 at [www.ezeereg.com](http://www.ezeereg.com) or 573-3933. For more information, contact Mike Davis at 791-3244 or log onto [www.tucsongames.org](http://www.tucsongames.org)

**Ft. Lowell Shootout:** The Annual Ft. Lowell Shootout will take place on January 16 through 18, 2015. It will be the 25th year! The 3-day event will take place in parks throughout the City. The opening ceremonies, Soccer Olympics, and Parade of Athletes will take place on Friday evening of January 16. Come out to the park and support the players!

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for the following charities:

**THE COMMUNITY FOOD BANK—Non Perishable  
Items**

**DIAPER BANK OF SOUTHERN ARIZONA—  
Infant/Child/Adult Diapers**

**TIHAN - Personal Care Items for Individuals  
and Families in Need**

**LIONS CLUB—Eye Glasses**

**DANCING IN THE STREETS ARIZONA—Ballet/  
Dance Equipment**

**CASA MARIA—Plastic bags**

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## MAYOR AND COUNCIL

Due to the Martin Luther King Holiday, the next Mayor and Council meeting will not be on a Tuesday. The meeting will be on Wednesday, January 21. Regular Session starts at 5:30 pm following an afternoon study session. There is always a short call to the audience before the business portion of the meeting. Council chambers are located downtown at 255 W Alameda.

The agendas for the meetings are posted online at <http://cms3.tucsonaz.gov/clerks/mcdocs>

